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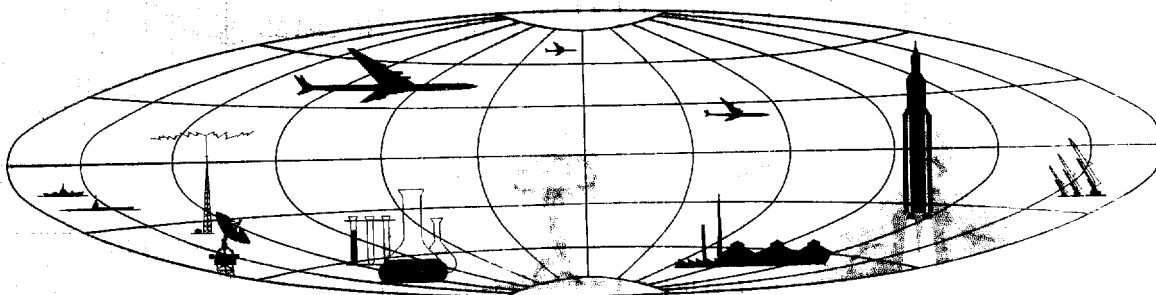
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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REPRESENTS A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY FROM BRASS KNOB MISSION 3603, DATED 18 MAY 1963. THE NUMBER APPEARING AT THE END OF THE HEADER LINE IS THE COMOR TARGET NUMBER.

-MISSILES-

25X1A

GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 2 2257N 08236W

SITE ABANDONED.  
TWENTY-FIVE VEHICLES OBSERVED IN SUPPORT AREA.

25X1D

TAPASTE AREA, STORAGE SITES 2303N 08207W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
ONE VEHICLE OBSERVED IN WESTERN AREA.

25X1D

SAGUA LA GRANDE SAM SITE 2251N 08005W

SIX REVETTED CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS, 2 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D

CAIBARIEN SAM SITE 2228N 07929W

SITE CONTAINS 6 REVETTED CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS, 6 PROBABLE MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

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25X1A

ESMERALDA SAM SITE 2155N 07813W

FOUR REVETTED LAUNCHERS, ONE MISSILE TRANSPORTER,  
AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE  
AREA.

25X1D

SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2257N 08221W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
TWENTY-FIVE MISSILE TRANSPORTERS (5 CANVAS-COVERED)  
AND 2 OTHER VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D

CIEGO DE AVILA SAM SITE 2142N 07850W

SITE CONTAINS 6 UNREVEITED, CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS,  
7 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D

CIEGO DE AVILA SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2152N 07844W

SITE CONTAINS 27 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, 5 LOWBOY  
TRAILERS, AND NUMEROUS MISSILE CANISTERS.

25X1D

SANTA CRUZ DEL NORTE CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2309N 08156W

SITE CONTAINS 2 REVETTED LAUNCHERS, 10 NET-COVERED  
CRUISE-MISSILE CRATES, A LONG CANVAS SHELTER, AND  
APPROXIMATELY 11 VEHICLES/PIECES OF EQUIPMENT.

25X1D

CAMPO FLORIDO CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2306N 08211W

ONE UNREVEITED LAUNCHER, 10 CRUISE-MISSILE CRATES,  
7 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS (2 WITH PRIME MOVERS), CANVAS-  
COVERED GUIDANCE AREA, AND APPROXIMATELY 15 VEHICLES

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OBSERVED.

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GUERRA POSSIBLE CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2300N 08250W

NO EQUIPMENT OR ACTIVITY OBSERVED AT LOCATION OF  
SUSPECT CRUISE-MISSILE SITE (23-00-52N 082-50-10W).  
NO APPARENT CHANGE IN COUNT OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT  
IN STORAGE AREA.

25X1D

-AIRFIELDS-

25X1A

CAMILO CIENFUEGOS AIRFIELD 2229N 07955W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
AIRCRAFT -- 15 FAGOT/FRESCO OBSERVED IN AREA COVERED.

25X1D

CAMAGUEY INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD 2125N 07751W

AIRCRAFT -- ONE CRATE.

25X1D

CORONEL PASCUAL AIRFIELD 2307N 08117W

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.

25X1D

SAN ANTONIO DE LOS BANDOS AIRFIELD 2252N 08231W

AIRCRAFT -- 37 FISHBED, 19 FAGOT/FRESCO, 2 FARMER,  
AND ONE HOUND. THE FOLLOWING ARE CONSIDERED  
DERELICTS -- 11 B-26 AND 6 UNIDENTIFIED SINGLE-ENGINE  
AIRCRAFT.

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25X1A

JOSE MARTI INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD 2300N 08224W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
AIRCRAFT -- 2 BRITANNIA, 2 C-54, 3 CRATE, 3  
CONSTELLATION, ONE CAB, ONE LODESTAR, 3 LIAISON/  
TRAINER, ONE CESSNA 310, 5 C-46, AND APPROXIMATELY  
6 DERELICTS.

25X1D

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CAMPO LIBERTAD AIRFIELD 2306N 08226W

AIRCRAFT -- 2 CRATE, 2 CAB, ONE FAGOT/FRESCO, 2 COLT,  
28 LIAISON-TYPE AIRCRAFT AND NUMEROUS DERELICTS.

25X1D

25X1A

MARIEL NAVAL AIR STATION 2300N 08246W

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE

25X1D

PLAYA BARACOA AIRFIELD 2302N 08235W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
AIRCRAFT -- 65 HOUND, 2 HARE, ONE BELL HELICOPTER,  
2 CRATE, AND ONE LIAISON/TRAINER.

25X1D

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MANAGUA AIRFIELD 2258N 08217W

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.

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PINAR DEL RIO AIRFIELD 2225N 08341W

AIRCRAFT -- ONE LIAISON-TYPE.

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-PORTS-

25X1A

MARIEL PORT 2301N 08245W

VESSELS -- 10 KOMAR-CLASS, PGMG, 2 PF, ONE PC, AND  
2 LARGE FREIGHTERS (ONE AT MARIEL CITY PIER, ONE  
AT THE CEMENT PLANT PIER).  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

PUNTA ALEGRE PORT 2223N 07847W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

NUEVITAS PORT 2132N 07716W

VESSELS -- 6 LARGE FREIGHTERS IN PORT AREA.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

LA ISABELA PORT 2256N 08001W

VESSELS -- 3 LARGE FREIGHTERS AND ONE COASTAL  
FREIGHTER.

25X1D

CAIBARIEN PORT 2232N 07928W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

CARDENAS PORT 2302N 08112W

VESSELS -- ONE LARGE FREIGHTER AND ONE COASTAL  
FREIGHTER.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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CASILDA PORT 2145N 07959W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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JUCARO PORT 2137N 07851W

VESSELS -- ONE LARGE FREIGHTER ANCHORED OFFSHORE.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

MATANZAS PORT 2303N 08134W

VESSELS -- 2 LARGE FREIGHTERS AND ONE COASTAL  
FREIGHTER.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

SURGIDERO DE BATABANO PORT 2241N 08218W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

HAVANA PORT 2308N 08221W

VESSELS -- 35 LARGE FREIGHTERS, 6 COASTAL FREIGHTERS,  
8 PC, 4 PT, ONE KOMAR-CLASS PGMG ON MARINE RAILWAY,  
6 TRAWLERS, AND ONE COASTAL TANKER.

25X1D

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LA COLOMA PORT 2214N 08334W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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CABANAS PORT 2259N 08256W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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BAHIA HONDA PORT 2255N 08311W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

-ELECTRONICS-

HAVANA AREA, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER 2301N 08225W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
TWENTY-FIVE VANS/VEHICLES OBSERVED IN AREA.

25X1D

-MILITARY ACTIVITY-

PINAR DEL RIO, MILITARY CAMP 2223N 08342W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
APPROXIMATELY 45 VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D

LA FLORA AREA, MILITARY STORAGE 2252N 08233W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
AT LEAST 9 VEHICLES OBSERVED.  
FOLIAGE AND SHADOW PRECLUDE FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

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ARTEMISA, MILITARY CAMP 2251N 08248W

NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE

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LA BOCA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08242W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
EIGHTEEN VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D

CABANAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2256N 08251W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
THREE VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D

REMEDIOS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2227N 07934W

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE

25X1D

MINAS, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA 2307N 08211W

FACILITIES INCLUDE 7 EARTH-COVERED BUNKERS AND  
A T-SHAPED EXCAVATION LOCATED JUST EAST. NO  
MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

HAVANA, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA 2301N 08226W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
NO ACTIVITY OR EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

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SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08220W

NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE

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SAN JOSE DE LAS LAJAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2255N 08210W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OR ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

25X1D

TORRENS, MILITARY COMPLEX 2259N 08228W

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE

25X1D

LIMONAR AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2256N 08124W

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE

25X1D

CAMAGUEY AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2126N 07753W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
NO EQUIPMENT OR ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

25X1D

VICTORIA DE LAS TUNAS, MILITARY CAMP 2054N 07655W

NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OR ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

25X1D

MANAGUA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08217W

CAMP CONTAINS 13 TANK/SP GUNS, 29 LOWBOY TRAILERS  
AND APPROXIMATELY 300 VEHICLES.

25X1D

NAZARENO, MILITARY AREA 2258N 08214W

APPROXIMATELY 11 TANKS/SP GUNS, AND APPROXIMATELY  
15 VEHICLES OBSERVED.

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GUANABO AREA, MILITARY AREA 2311N 08203W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OR ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

CAMPO FLORIDO, MILITARY CAMP 2307N 08206W

THIRTEEN TANKS/SP GUNS, 5 FA PIECES AND 20 VEHICLES  
OBSERVED.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

BAJURAYABO AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2308N 08210W

THIRTY VEHICLES AND 18 FA PIECES OBSERVED.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

GUANABACOA, MILITARY AREA 2307N 08215W

EAST AREA -- APPROXIMATELY 30 TRACKED PRIME MOVERS,  
APPROXIMATELY 25 VEHICLES, AND 6 FA PIECES.  
WEST AREA -- 18 FA PIECES AND APPROXIMATELY 50  
VEHICLES.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

LOMA DE TIERRA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08213W

CAMP CONTAINS APPROXIMATELY 160 VEHICLES.

25X1D

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HAVANA AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08218W

NO APPARENT CHANGE

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-MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY-

25X1A

SAN FRANCISCO DE PAULA, MUNITIONS STGE SITE 2303N 08218W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
APPROXIMATELY 90 VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D

MANAGUA, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITE 2258N 08218W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OR ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

25X1D

BEJUCAL, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITES 2256N 08223W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
APPROXIMATELY 30 VEHICLES IN HEADQUARTERS AREA.

25X1D

LA ROSITA AREA, STORAGE INSTALLATION 2208N 08004W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
NO ACTIVITY OR EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

MANICARAGUA AREA, EXPLOSIVES STORAGE SITE 2206N 07958W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
TWO VEHICLES OBSERVED.

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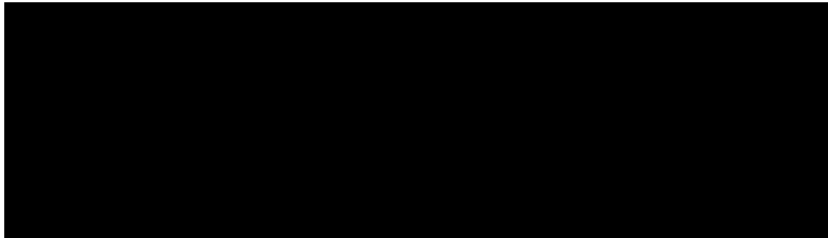
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-STATUS OF OTHER TARGETS-

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS SHOW NO APPARENT CHANGE  
SINCE LAST COVERAGE---

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SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 3	2242N 08308W
SAGUA LA GRANDE MRBM SITE 1	2243N 08001W
SAGUA LA GRANDE MRBM SITE 2	2239N 07951W
REMEDIOS IRBM SITE	2225N 07935W
SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 4	2246N 08258W
LA COLOMA SAM SITE	2218N 08332W
MARIEL SAM SITE	2300N 08249W
MATANZAS SAM SITE	2301N 08129W
HAVANA SAM SITE	2309N 08213W
SANCTI SPIRITUS SAM SITE	2147N 07929W
MANATI SAM SITE	2113N 07702W
PINAR DEL RIO SAM ASSEMBLY AREA	2221N 08339W
VICTORIA DE LAS TUNAS SAM ASSEMBLY AREA	2104N 07700W
MANAGUA SAM SITE	2259N 08215W
TRINIDAD AIRFIELD	2147N 07959W
SANTA CLARA AREA, MILITARY ACTIVITY	2221N 07957W
SPECIAL AREA ALPHA	2258N 08227W
SPECIAL AREA HOTEL	2301N 08246W
SPECIAL AREA BRAVO BLUE	2250N 08233W
SPECIAL AREA BRAVO RED	2254N 08231W
SPECIAL AREA VICTOR	2300N 08234W
SPECIAL AREA TANGO	2258N 08244W
TARARA LANDING BEACH	2310N 08212W
MATANZAS LANDING BEACH	2301N 08126W
VARADERO LANDING BEACH	2308N 08118W

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS COULD BE IDENTIFIED BUT  
NOT INTERPRETED --

25X1A

BAHIA HONDA SAM SITE	2257N 08317W
MANZANILLO SAM SITE	2018N 07706W
CIFUENTES SAM ASSEMBLY AREA	2236N 08005W
CAMAGUEY AIRFIELD SAM SITE	2122N 07750W
MAJANA SAM SITE	2241N 08249W

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MANZANILLO PORT  
SANTA LUCIA PORT  
MANZANILLO AREA, MILITARY CAMP  
BAHIA HONDA, MILITARY CAMP  
CAMAGUEY AREA, MILITARY CAMP 1  
MADRUGA, POL STORAGE

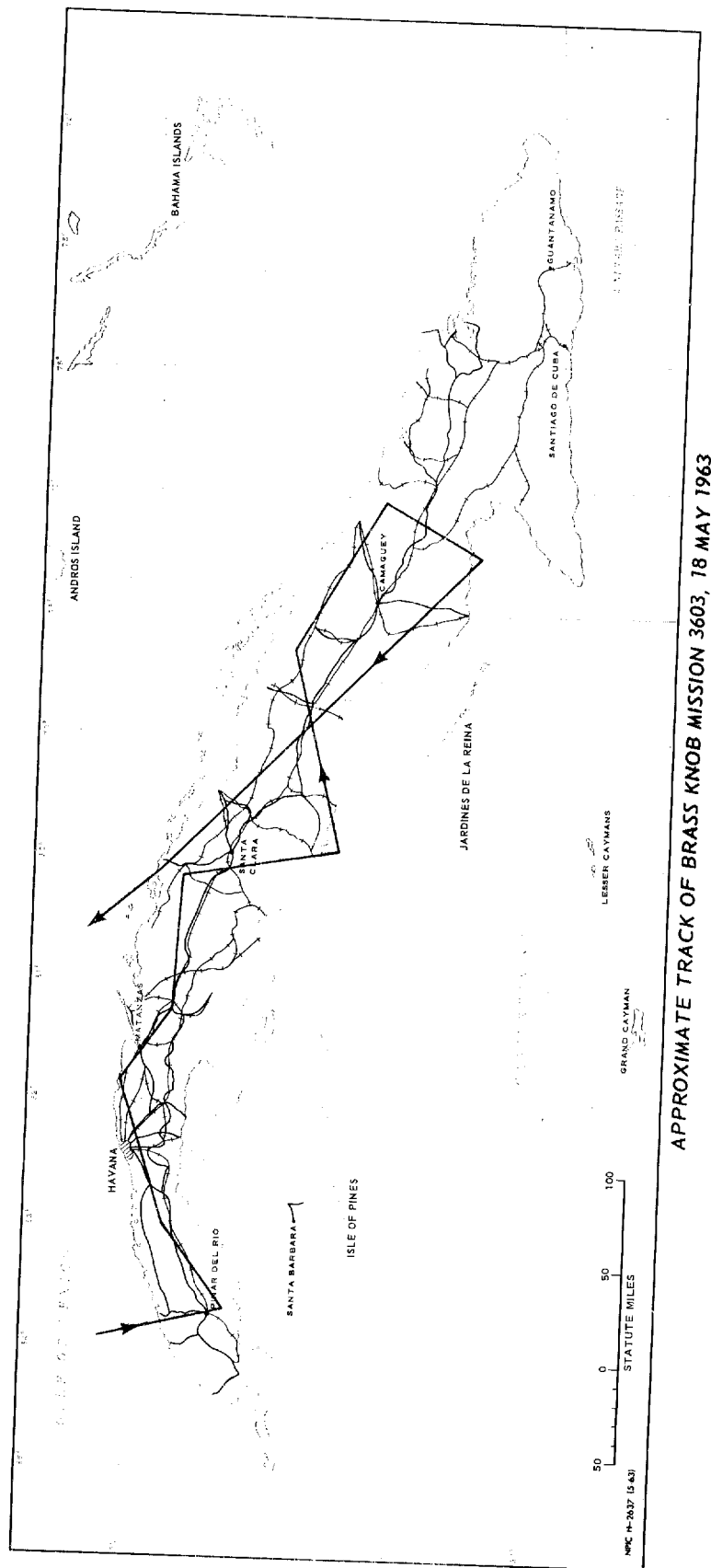
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